

REMARKS

The specification and Figure 3 have been amended to include an element number for the spacers, which are being claimed in the new claims.

Claims 39-55 were rejected as unpatentable over SAARINEN Des. 322,048 in view of VAN WINGERDEN 5,678,356. Independent claims 39, 46 and 53 have been amended and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

As is apparent from Figures 1-2 of the present application, adjacent ones of the accommodations each share a common one of the peripheral boundary walls over a full height of the accommodations from a top to a bottom thereof. Using a common wall over the full height of the accommodations permits the use of relatively thicker material and thus permits the positioning members that clamp the bulb to transfer forces to the walls with less risk of bulging.

The applied references do not disclose or suggest that adjacent ones of the accommodations each share a common one of the peripheral boundary walls over a full height of the accommodations from a top to a bottom thereof, as is apparent from Figures 1 and 2 of SAARINEN and Figures 4 and 5 of VAN WINGERDEN. The walls in these references are connected at the top but are separated at the bottom. Since the trays in the

references do not have shared common walls from a top to a bottom of the accommodations, the trays in the references are not as strong as in the invention of the amended claims.

Since the shared common wall in the amended claims is not disclosed in the applied references, this feature would not be obvious to one of skill in the art and withdrawal of the rejection under §103 is appropriate.

New claims 56-58 add legs that each depend from the bottom of a respective one of the accommodations to elevate the bottoms of the accommodations. This is illustrated, by way of example, in Figure 3 that shows the legs as elements 16. The references do not disclose or suggest these legs and thus the claimed legs would not be obvious to one of skill in the art.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

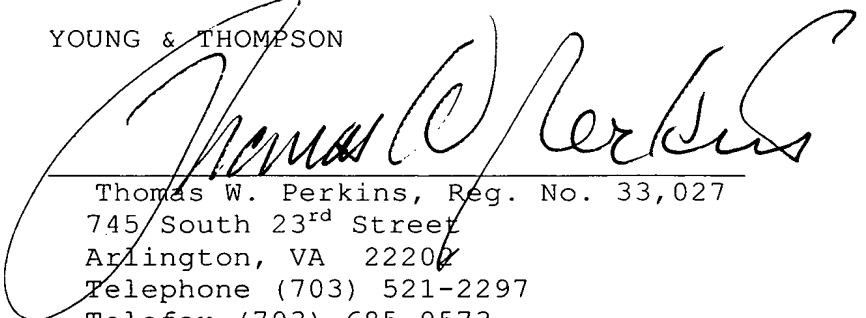
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